Dr. Perry completed her study of the many previously very confused species of Papuan Macaranga.

Dr. Hu continued her study of the Chinese flora and progressed on her monograph of *Philadelphus*.

Dr. Merrill has continued work on various Malaysian and Polynesian problems, concentrating especially on a study of the status of several hundred Malaysian species proposed by William Roxburgh (1814–1844). Another wider problem that has claimed his attention is the actual significance of the first botanical collections made in the Pacific Islands, especially those of Banks and Solander and the two Forsters, Captain Cook's first and second voyages, 1769–1775. This study of various unpublished manuscripts at the British Museum, prepared by Dr. Solander, including a Flora of Tahiti, casts much more than a shadow of doubt on the validity of various theories proposed and vigorously supported by specialists in other fields.

The Library. — During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1953, there were 303 bound volumes added to the library by gift, purchase or binding; there are now 48,401 volumes on the shelves. One hundred forty pamphlets were catalogued and filed, all gifts; the pamphlet collections now stand at 15,204. Four hundred thirty-three catalogue cards were added to the main catalogue, and 2044 cards were added to the Gray Herbarium species cards.

Interlibrary loans have been about the same as in previous years, in many cases typed descriptions, microfilms and photostatic copies have saved the actual travel wear and tear on the older or rarer volumes.

Four hundred photographs were added to the photograph files.

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